

LOCAL NEWS.

A change of schedule of N. Y. P. & N. E. R. Co., in effect December 10th, appears in this issue of the paper.

Mr. Oswald J. Adams, a former citizen, now living at Virginia Beach, is at Accomac C. H., this week, visiting old friends.

Five farm, near Pocomoke city, advertised for rent by Mr. B. S. Jones, New York, in this issue, and big inducements offered the right man.

Mr. Edward T. Coleburn will sell out his interest in firm of W. C. Coleburn & Son, Accomac C. H., and move with his family to Baltimore at the beginning of the year.

Miss Hallie Battelle will return to Blenheim for the Christmas holidays. Miss Estelle Battelle who is also at Hollins, will spend the holidays with a school-friend in Salem.

Valuable personal property will be sold at public auction by Wm. T. Fletcher, at his house near Jenkins Bridge, Wednesday, December 19th. See advertisement and posters.

Dr. Joseph H. Hiden has been called North by telegram, to meet Mr. J. C. Kelly in Philadelphia to attend his (Mr. Kelly's) brother, who lies very ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. Charles W. Corbin, seriously ill for several weeks past at his home at Accomac C. H., we regret to have to report, is daily growing weaker and that no improvement in his condition is expected.

Mr. James J. Milliner bought the stock of goods and leased the storehouse of Mr. Chas. B. Mason, Accomac C. H., this week and has taken charge of and will continue the business at the old stand.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Mapp announce the marriage of their daughter Ada Edmonds to Dr. James Edward Hyslop, Wednesday afternoon, December 26th, 1900, half past two o'clock, at Oak Grove Church, this county.

Mr. James S. Clogg and Mrs. Sallie R. Smith, both of Pocomoke City, were married on Wednesday. The groom is well known to and popular with many of our people and for them we tender to him congratulations and best wishes.

The election held at Chincoteague, December 1st., to decide whether the incorporation should be abolished or not after May 1st, 1901, was carried by 197 majority. There were 264 votes cast to abolish incorporation and 67 votes for it to remain as it is at present.

Mr. Thomas P. Copes and Miss Bessie K. Hebard, daughter of Mr. Joseph H. Hebard, both of Locustville, were married at the bride's home, Wednesday, Rev. Mr. Carson, of the M. E. Church, South, officiating. They left by steamer on that day for a bridal tour.

Jas. H. Fletcher Jr., special commissioner, will sell at public auction at Mearsville, on Thursday, December 27th, 1900, 1 p. m., six tracts or parcels of lands, situated in the neighborhood of Mearsville, belonging to the estate of Dr. Joseph E. Broadwater, deceased. For full particulars see posters.

Joseph R. Riggs and L. Floyd Nock, special commissioners, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on Saturday December 22nd, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., at Guilford, the real estate of which John S. Ewell died seized and possessed, consisting of one tract and one lot, of land, respectively. For terms &c., see posters.

Special attention is invited to the following new advertisements of Xmas goods in this issue: Ames, Shield & Co., Slocumb Bros., W. T. Wise, John W. Duncan, Onancock; D. H. Johnson & Son, Parkesley; B. T. Nelson, Accomac C. H.; A. H. G. Mears, Wachapreague; E. F. Guillette, Temperanceville; W. S. Dickinson & Son, Pocomoke City.

Many fine porkers are being slaughtered at Locustville and vicinity this season. The weight of a few given below: By Geo. N. Trower, one 628 lbs; by Jno. T. James, two 1,300 lbs; by B. T. Savage, two, 1,000 lbs; by Thomas Heath, one, 636 lbs; by J. T. Harrison, one, 488 lbs; by Jno. H. James, one, 454 lbs; by E. B. Swanger, three, 1,140 lbs; by A. J. Kellam, one 282 lbs; Wesley W. Bull, two, 615 and 580 pounds respectively.

John D. Parsons, trustee, will sell at public auction on Saturday, December 15th, 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m., in front of the store of Conquest & Tull, at Oak Hall, Va., a certain tract of land, situated on the road from Oak Hall to Pittsville, containing 188 acres more or less, it being the land of which Mary Ann Guillette died, seized and possessed. There is considerable timber and an abundance of woods resources on said said tract of land. For full particulars see posters.

Mr. A. Frank Byrd, at his sale of personal property November 27th, having sold only 203 articles out of a lot of 667, the sale will be continued, Thursday, 27th inst., during Christmas, by his son C. E. Byrd, who will sell positively without reserve or by-bidding, all the remaining 464 valuable articles of personal property, consisting of walnut bed-room suits, parlor furniture, pictures, bric-a-brac, carpets, bedding, china and silver-ware and kitchen furniture, also corn and fodder. See posters.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Greenbackville.

Claims are in good demand and prices continue high. Oysters are in a good condition, and are selling at fair prices in the various markets.

The business in our town is not as good as we could have wished for at this season of the year.

Mrs. William H. Merrill is at this writing critically ill and his recovery is considered as doubtful.

The late firm of Gordy & Payne was, on the 8th inst., dissolved by mutual consent, the Junior member retiring from the business.

Mr. Stephen L. Pollitt, of this town, had one of his legs broken on last Monday morning while assisting one of his brothers at hog-killing. The fracture was reduced by Dr. J. D. Dickerson, but owing to the seriousness of the case, it is feared, that the limb may have to be amputated.

Miss Mittie Jones, the beautiful and highly interesting young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, died on last Monday, from the effects of a late attack of measles, resulting in typhoid pneumonia, at the age of 17 years, leaving behind her a father, mother, two sisters, a brother, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

A young lady, from one of the towns in lower Maryland, made her escape from her attendant at her father's home, and being somewhat demented strayed away from her home and wandered on foot to this town, reaching here on last Tuesday afternoon, much worn in appearance.

As soon as the young lady was recognized by some friends of her family she was taken in charge and her father was notified by wire, and arrived Tuesday evening in search of his daughter.

Mr. John D. Grant Jr., of Accomac C. H., was a welcome visitor to our town on Sunday.

Mr. E. C. Payne has bought the entire stock of goods of Mr. G. F. Elliott and will succeed him in business at the old stand.

A Thanksgiving social was given at the home of Miss Nora Kelley, on 29th ult., to a number of our young people which was enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Charles U. Tull, Misses Lottie Covington and Sarah Jones, of this place, returned home Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. F. A. Covinton, our prominent blacksmith, has moved in his new shop and is now fitted up for business. The upper room of said shop will be used as a town hall.

An interesting meeting has been in progress in our M. P. Church, at this place, since December 2nd, the result of which to date has been 5 conversions and 3 additions to the church. Rev. H. W. D. Johnson, of Greenbackville, favored us with an excellent sermon on Friday night.

The youngest child of Mr. I. J. Savage critically ill at this time.

Our picture man, Mr. R. D. Haley, leaves soon on a visit to friends in Salisbury, Md.

Mr. William H. Hargis killed a porker 51 weeks old, this week, which weighed 34 pounds.

The Y. W. C. T. U. will meet at home of Miss Ethel Broughton, night of December 14th, 7:30 o'clock.

The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Carson, preached his first sermon at Onley M. E. Church, South, last Sunday.

Mr. Frank Bell, assistant agent at this place for some time past, has been appointed agent at Birds Nest.

Rev. R. T. Waterfield, of Cambridge, called here recently to the bedside of his father, has returned home.

The horse of Abe Nock, frightened by a bicycle, ran away and down the railroad track, Sunday, completely demolishing his carriage.

The Loyal Temperance Legion of Onley will give an entertainment at this place, Thursday, December 27th. Admission 15 cents, children under 12 free. Old Santa will make his appearance on the occasion. Doors open at 7 p. m. Oyster supper before and after entertainment.

Our stores have been handsomely decorated for the Xmas season, and the wall of the porker is heard in the land.

The Rev. Mr. Winn, the new Methodist pastor for this circuit, has begun his pastorate here under promising auspices.

Dr. Geo. W. LeCato went to Weldon, N. C., on Wednesday last, where he was to read a paper before the Sea Board Medical Association.

Mr. I. T. Hopkins, our building contractor, is erecting for Mr. E. T. Powell a private residence on the drug store lot, which will soon be ready for occupancy.

The Sewing circle of the Presbyterian Church have on hand a variety of fancy work for sale. Those wishing to purchase can find them at the home of Mrs. Joe Bulman.

To help the children out, we will sell 500 lbs of candy in 1 lb lots for 6 cents per lb, next week.

We offer one tea set and three toilet sets, with profit off of them. Bargains for some one.

In many goods prices one-fourth less than last year at Duncan's, opposite hotel, Onancock.

Whooping cough is raging here and many of the children are wrestling with the disease.

Mrs. E. R. Byrd and Miss Sue Northam, both sick for the last four weeks with typhoid fever, are better at this writing and, it is believed, will soon be in their usual health again.

Capt. John Stant died near Sanford, on the 1st inst., aged about 85 years. After funeral services at the M. E. Church, South, on the 3d, conducted by Rev. J. D. Hosier, his remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home.

The average attendance daily of our public school continues good, despite the whooping cough among the children in the neighborhood. Prof. James F. Ward and his assistant, Mrs. S. R. Conquest, both are popular with patrons and scholars and none stay away from school unless compelled to do so.

Mrs. Sallie Hall, a lady highly esteemed in this community for her many excellent qualities, died suddenly on the 6th inst., aged 77 years. She had been sick during the fall but of late had improved very much. On the morning of the 7th after attending to some domestic duties, she informed her daughter, she was going to die and calling her children around her bid them good bye and told them to meet her in Heaven. She died at 12:30. She was the widow of the late Thomas Hall and is survived by three children, Wm. Henry and B. Frank Hall and Mrs. J. I. Northam. After funeral services on Saturday, conducted by Rev. J. L. King, her remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband in family burying ground near this place.

Schooner P. E. Wharton arrived this week with cargo of coal which was sold at \$5.75 per ton.

Miss Fannie Grimsley, and John Kollock, one of our best young men, were married Wednesday, 5th inst., Rev. S. U. Grimsley, father of the bride, officiating.

A large number of oyster buyers from the Northern cities were here to see us this week and reported that our oysters were best on the market. Many of them made arrangements while here to buy much of our stock.

Sloop-yacht Sagetta, from Bridgeport, Conn., bound South, ran ashore on Assateague Beach Sunday night, 4 miles north of Assateague Station. The captain and crew of that station went to the rescue of yacht's crew and took them off. The abandoned boat is 52 feet long, 18 feet beam and cost \$35,000. She may be gotten off, but the job will be an expensive one.

Arrivals at Atlantic Hotel this week: T. H. Mears, J. H. Feddeman, E. H. Lazenby, L. W. Groton, Baltimore; F. C. Hanna, J. E. Elliott, at this place; White, Chas. Prettyman, R. F. Powell, J. E. Prettyman, Philadelphia; Prof. F. B. Barringer, University of Virginia; E. F. Young, Richmond; I. Uman, Salisbury; F. H. Dryden, Pocomoke; S. C. Gilbert, Thos. Davis, Milford; J. H. Fosque, W. T. Fox, Accomac.

MEARS-HANCOCK—November 21, 1900, at Messongro, by Rev. Charles Clement, John N. Mears and Miss Sadie Hancock.

SMITH-CHANDLER—November 29, 1900, at Onancock, by Rev. F. M. Edwards, Joseph A. Smith and Miss Mattie M. Chandler.

WISE-TWYFORD—November 14th, 1900, at Grant Memorial M. P. church, by Rev. C. K. McCaslin, William E. Wise and Miss Annie Gertrude Twyford.

TAPPEN-BARNES—November 28, 1900, at bride's home, near Parkesley, by Rev. W. B. Judelund, Arthur D. Tappen and Miss Margaret A. Barnes.

ROSS-PARKS—December 10th, 1900, at Leonard M. P. Church, by Rev. C. K. McCaslin, Charles B. Ross and Miss Marie S. Parks.

WATERS-JOYNES—November 29, 1900, at Franklin Square Baptist Church, Baltimore, Edwin Thomas Waters and Miss Tabitha Polk Joyne, daughter of Captain Wm. F. Joyne, both formerly of county of Accomac.

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Fifty cents worth of fine pictures to be given away with each and every cash bill of \$10. We will give one of our handsome dollar pictures from December 15th to December 24th inclusive.

We are offering all of our stock of goods, except groceries, at greatly reduced prices on account of change in firm January 1st 1901.

Special attention is invited by us to our silver plated goods. They are of the best quality and have always given satisfaction. We have service sets, knives and forks, spoons, napkin rings—also a line of sterling goods for Xmas.

Prices and goods always right at Duncan's, opposite hotel, Onancock. Call and see.

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COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

November Term, 1900.

The following fiduciary accounts were confirmed and ordered to be recorded: Audits of estates of William S. Kellam, John Henry Satchell, Charlotte Broadwater, John L. Ward, Levin Mariner and Mary B. Walden; orphan accounts of Maggie S. Kellam, Manly W. Winder, and John W. Bailey.

Authority was granted to Loftus W. Kirby, of the Baptist Church, to celebrate the rites of matrimony. James E. Harrison qualified as administrator of George B. Killmon, deceased.

The last will and testament of Thomas F. Russell was proved and ordered to be recorded.

Henry F. Powell qualified as guardian of his infant children, William H. Nellie P., and Ada Powell.

Thomas C. Kelly and William D. Tunnell, commissioners of the revenue, made report according to law as to the violations of the revenue laws in their respective districts.

An inquest held by John A. Mears, J. P., acting coroner, over the dead body of Peter Danton was returned to the court and ordered to be filed.

Joseph C. Wescott qualified as administrator of Littleton Bailey, deceased.

The sheriff made report to the court the number of prisoners in jail their offenses, sentences, &c.

A regular grand jury was empanelled and returned the following indictments. One for unlawfully selling, wine, spirituous and malt liquors and a mixture thereof: One for beating, wounding &c., with intent to maim, disfigure, disable and kill.

Ex parte: Petition of Annie S. Kelly and another for a drain. Petition filed and commissioners appointed.

Upon petition of L. R. Doughty and others for a public road. Report of Jas A. Winder, commissioner to open road, filed and confirmed, and order entered removing same from docket.

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L. Floyd Nock qualified as Notary Public for the county of Accomac.

Upon petition of Travis A. Crockett, Sr., and others for a public road. Report of viewers filed and order entered to summon proprietors and tenants to show cause, if any they can, why said road shall not be opened and established as proposed.

John S. Parsons was appointed and qualified as administrator of William Young, deceased.

Upon petition of L. T. Ross and others for a public bridge &c. Report of Wm. McK Taylor, commissioner, confirmed and the object of the petition having been accomplished order was entered removing cause from docket.

Stran Fosque, colored, tried at the November term of the county court of Accomac, for the murder of George Leonard, colored, and convicted of the offense by the jury which tried him, was on Friday, 7th inst., sentenced by Judge Ross, "to be hanged by the neck until he is dead," on Friday, the 8th day of February, 1901, between the hours of 7 a. m., and 3 p. m., of that day.

A bill of exceptions was filed by the defense at the trial to the opinion and rulings of the court and made a part of the record; and the prisoner, through his counsel, will apply to Judge Blackstone, of the circuit court, for a writ of error and supersedeas.

If the writ should be refused, the sentence of the county court would be executed at the time designated, unless the case was taken to a higher court, but if granted, sentence would probably be stayed until regular term of Judge Blackstone in April next.

In the Shadow of the Gallows. John Holden will suffer the death penalty for an attempt to commit rape, next Friday, between the hours of 7 a. m., and 3 p. m.

He has confessed that he is guilty not only of this but of many like crimes, and says he would be guilty of more if permitted to live, and that he ought to be hung and is prepared to die. The scaffold, on which he is to be hung, is being erected inside of the jail wall, a few feet from his cell and the top of it can be seen from the outside. He cannot see it, but can hear the noise made by those building it and knows that it is in course of erection.

He desires, it is stated, to make a speech from the gallows, and prefers to be hung publicly.

As Christmas is coming and everybody wants to fix up a little, we call attention to our line of carpets, matings and linoleums, oil cloths and window shades. These goods are especially low and will be sold at old time prices.

D. H. Johnson & Son.

Oyster Tax Notice. I will be at "Modestown" on Saturday the 15th day of December for collection of ground rents and oyster taxes.

The "Board of Fisheries" urges a prompt payment of these taxes and I hope all will meet me and pay the same on that day.

L. B. Kellam, Inspector Dist. 2 and 3.

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Xmas Entertainments.

The children of Atlantic Baptist Sunday school will receive their treat on Xmas day, 2 o'clock. Every scholar is requested to be there promptly at that hour.

The annual Christmas exercise, at Ayres M. E. Church will be held Thursday evening December 27th. Admission 15 cents. A very interesting programme is being prepared for the occasion.

The young people of Modestown will have an entertainment at the church Tuesday evening, December 26. Proceeds to be used for buying a bell for the schoolhouse. Admission adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents.

On Christmas day at night, there will be a free entertainment at Garrison's Chapel, consisting of music, dialogues and recitations. After which, Santa Claus will treat the Sunday school children. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

The regular Christmas music recital by pupils of Margaret Academy will be given on Thursday evening December 20th, in the Academy Chapel beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Parents and friends of the Academy are cordially invited to be present.

The "Spinster's Convention" will be given at Bloxom Methodist church December 27th, at half past seven o'clock. Everybody invited to be present and enjoy a good laugh. Admission, 15 cents, children 10 cents.

The members of Ocean Lodge A. F. & A. M. will have a banquet on St. John's Day, at Doughty's Hotel, Wachapreague. Every brother is invited to be present and take a lady with him. If weather is inclement that evening, then you are invited next evening.

Friday evening, December 28th, an entertainment consisting of a cantata recitations, &c., will be given by Locustville Sunday School, M. E. Church, South. Everybody invited and a good time with Santa Claus may be expected. An oyster supper will also be served.

The Atlantic Baptist Church will have an oyster supper Wednesday afternoon, December 26th. At night there will be a cantata, "Santa Claus' Delight," other music and recitations. Admission 10 cents, reserved seats 15 cents. If weather is inclement, be there Thursday.

Drummondtown Baptist Sunday School will give their annual Xmas treat to the children, Wednesday night, December 26th. A big Xmas tree will be in place on the occasion. The exercises will be interspersed with choice music. A cordial welcome extended to everyone, especially the children.

Roll of Honor for November. Goldie Bagwell, Carroll Beloit, Susie Beloit, Willie Beloit, Susie Doughty, Joanna Fisher, Edgar Fitzgerald, Lena Fitzgerald, Barrett Hickman, Annie Hopkins, Arrie Hurt, Clyde Jennings, Mary Joffile, Ruth Kellam, Jessie Lilliston, Cleve Martin, Lida McGrath, Lillian McGrath, Virginia Nelson, Luther Nottingham, Henry Powell, Nellie Powell, Pansy Powell, Mattie Robinson, Mary Warren, Sarah West, Lucy Wise.

Diamonds at Duncan's, opposite hotel, Onancock.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Entertainment. The Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Wachapreague will have an entertainment, consisting of comedy and farce in the Masonic Hall, Wednesday, December